



OBJECT LESSON

Order of Things

[10 min]

Supplies

- large, clean socks (1 per child)
- baby dolls (1 for every 5 to 6 kids)
- doll clothes (1 set for every 5 to 6 kids)
- blankets (1 for every 5 to 6 kids)
- preschool books (1 for every 5 to 6 kids)

Easy Prep

- Undress each doll and leave the clothes with it.

Do Things Out of Typical Order

Ask: • **What do you do every morning after you wake up?** Share some of your own routine, such as turning off your alarm clock, getting up, and brushing your teeth.

Say: **Usually we do things in an order. We wouldn't get dressed for the day and then take a bath.**

That would be silly! Let's try doing some things out of order.

- Give each child a sock to put on over one of his or her shoes. Invite kids to share what it feels like to have socks on the outside of their shoes.
- In leader-led groups of five or six kids, have kids work together to wrap a baby doll *and then* try to put its clothes on it. Invite kids to share what it was like to do those things out of order.
- In the same leader-led small groups, have the leaders read a story backward to kids. Invite kids to share what it was like to listen to the story being read backward.

Talk About It

Say: **It feels funny when we do things out of order, like putting on shoes first and then socks. We've learned from the Bible today that we put God first. If we don't put him first, then everything in our day is out of order. We can put God first in lots of ways, every day: when we pray and thank God before we eat, when we go to church and when we tell God we love him.**